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### MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: USAARMC Policy Memo No. 5-00 – Foreign Disclosure Policy on Release of Classified and Unclassified Information to Foreign Representatives and International Organizations

### 1. References:

- a. AR 380-5, 25 February 1988, Department of the Army Information Security Program.
- b. AR 380-10, 30 December 1994, Technology Transfer, Disclosure of Information and Contacts with Foreign Representatives.
  - c. Memorandum, HQ TRADOC, ATBO-JC, 1 December 1994, subject as above.
- 2. The exchange of information between Department of the Army and the military establishments of allied and friendly foreign governments and international organizations is a necessary element for successful participation in international and functional agreements. At the same time, the protection of classified and sensitive, unclassified military information against disclosure to unauthorized persons (United States or foreign) is an equally essential element to the military security of the United States.
- 3. The physical transfer of official information to authorized foreign representatives or international organizations primarily involves the following three categories:
- a. <u>Classified Military Information (CMI)</u>. Military information requiring protection in the interest of national security is limited to three classifications: TOP SECRET, SECRET, and CONFIDENTIAL, as described in reference.
- b. <u>Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)</u>. Sensitive, unclassified information requiring a degree of control over its use and dissemination; information subject to the Privacy Act of 1974; information exempt from mandatory disclosure outside the United States Government (ordinarily qualifies for For Official Use Only (FOUO) markings); technical information relating to

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research, development, engineering, test, evaluation, production, operation, maintenance or employment of military equipment systems; or information subject to export controls.

- c. <u>Public Domain Information</u>. Information determined to be suitable for release to the general public through the Public Affairs Office.
- 4. A foreign disclosure decision is required on all information to be released to foreign representatives, no matter the category. Per reference b, <u>all</u> CMI and CUI being considered for disclosure must be referred to the installation Foreign Disclosure Officer for approval, denial, or further coordination. The designated foreign disclosure authority for USAARMC is the Chief, Security Division, G3/Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization (DPTM).
- 5. Release of information that is clearly in the public domain is made at the discretion of the Public Affairs Officer.
- 6. Determination to release USAARMC originated CMI or CUI will be made by the Fort Knox Disclosure Officer. Requests for information belonging to another activity/agency will be coordinated through the Fort Knox Disclosure Officer who will coordinate with the "owner" of the information.
- 7. United States' participation in bilateral or multilateral agreements does not automatically authorize the disclosure of related CMI or CUI to the other participant (s). Each potential disclosure of CMI or CUI must be evaluated on its own merit.
- 8. It is the policy of the United States to avoid creating false impressions of its readiness to make available classified or unclassified material, technology, or information.
- 9. All United States personnel involved in international activities will refrain from making any commitment to furnish specific CMI or CUI until disclosure has been approved by the Chief, Security Division, G3/DPTM.

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